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## Memorandum

Date: December 5, 1995

To: Program Coordination Team and Extended Review Team

From: Steve Yaeger, Program Deputy Director  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program

Subject: Review Materials for December 12 Meeting

I have attached for your review and comment the following CALFED Bay-Delta Program work products:

1. Potential core actions which should be included in all alternatives
2. Proposed selection philosophies for development of alternatives
3. Proposed preliminary performance measures for evaluating the relative effectiveness of alternatives

The potential "core actions" discussed on pages 1 and 2 of the attachment have been identified through public workshops and Program Team staff work as actions which should be included as part of any program alternative. We intend to use the review team input to modify and augment these "core actions" prior to including them in the on-going formulation of alternatives. **Please review this discussion and be prepared to comment on whether the "core actions" identified are appropriate and whether there are other actions which should be added to this list.**

The selection philosophies discussed on pages 3 and 5 are meant to help guide the alternative formulation team in selecting actions which can be aggregated into alternatives which define the boundaries (or envelope) of alternatives which the program needs to examine in order to meet the CEQA/NEPA test. We describe the boundaries (or envelope) as ranging from a basic level of implementation - the smallest scope of solution actions which accomplish the basic objectives of the Program - to a maximum level of implementation, which incorporates all of the actions which help achieve the objectives

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### CALFED Agencies

#### California

The Resources Agency  
Department of Fish and Game  
Department of Water Resources  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board

#### Federal

Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service

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regardless of cost. Examples of an alternative at the basic level of implementation (Alternative 6) as well as an alternative using the same approach but at a maximum level of implementation (Alternative 22) are included to aid you in understanding the process we are using to formulate alternatives. You are probably aware, from your previous review of Program materials, that these "boundary" alternatives serve only as a starting point for formulating alternatives which are closer to the center of the envelope. **Please review the two action selection philosophies and be prepared to comment on whether the approach at the basic implementation level is appropriate or whether there are other elements that need to be part of the basic package.** Your review of the action selection philosophy for the maximum level should also focus on the appropriateness of including all of the elements shown.

The performance measures (PM) discussed on pages seven and following of the attachment will be used over the next 60 days by the Program Team to evaluate and refine alternatives. We have included seven of the nine PM's (excluding two water supply PM's which are still in progress) for your review and comment.

As you can see from a review of the seven PM's in the attachment, several are broken down by geographic area of benefit (Aquatic Habitat and Drinking Water Quality) while the others are broken down by function. Weighting factors have been proposed for each PM contributing factor, though these weights are very preliminary in nature. **Please review these PM's and be prepared to comment on whether the factors identified for each PM are appropriate and are sufficient to measure the relative effectiveness of achieving the Program objective listed at the top of each sheet. In addition, please review the weightings assigned to each factor (noting that these are very preliminary) and be prepared to give us your judgement as to the appropriate weights to assign to each.**

We expect to have a discussion of the enclosed three work products at the December 12 meeting of the PCT and the extended review team (see enclosed agenda). Our goal is to either confirm each of these work products or to receive proposed modifications from the review team.

To help facilitate your understanding of the importance of each of the above work products in our process, I have also attached a copy of a discussion of the program alternative development process which was distributed earlier to the workshop participants.

We look forward to your participation on December 12. The meeting will commence at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1142 of the Resources Building. Please note the room change.

Attachment

cc: Lester A. Snow  
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